

New Hospital Programme – moving forward

The government has reconfirmed its commitment to deliver 30 new hospitals by 2030 under the New Hospital Programme (NHP). We are delighted for our clients who are part of the programme and have been waiting for this announcement. Individual financial envelopes are to be confirmed shortly and this promises to be biggest investment in NHS infrastructure in a generation.

Importantly, the government has also confirmed that the programme will include the complete rebuild of the hospitals with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC), with a commitment to fully fund and deliver these new hospitals by 2030. This was expected and vital to deal with the ongoing risks each of these Trusts are having to deal with as a result of the potential structural instability resulting from the use of RAAC.

Our national team of NHS infrastructure project experts are already instructed on 11 NHP projects across the country, three of which are part of the RAAC group. We provide a full project life service for any major NHS development including:

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ADVICE AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT

Our team works with Trusts and ICBs to support them in navigating the statutory obligations and processes that NHS bodies need to comply with in order to effect NHS service change. We have already successfully advised multiple Trusts involved in NHP on their pre-consultation business cases and related issues.

REAL ESTATE ADVICE AND DELIVERY OF LAND ACQUISITION / DISPOSAL

We continue to advise on the key land assembly requirements of multiple NHP projects from options appraisals and de-risking sites through to transactional support. The team offer practical and cost-effective advice, so that solutions are quickly found to any risks. We have acted on some of the highest value and most complex land transactions that the NHS has dealt with, so we have the expertise to support you in dealing with any challenges which are encountered.

STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT AND ROBUST CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADVICE

We are advising on the procurement of consultants and contractors for multiple NHP projects. The team has an in depth understanding of the market and is working with Trusts to develop realistic strategies, so that Trusts can safely and efficiently procure the best design and construction solution for their NHP project. Quality, cost, speed and future-proofing the new hospital are all important factors and it takes experienced advisers to ensure the Trust team is aware of the solutions and risk positions that are achievable in the market. This translates into ongoing support during the build programme - navigating the construction phase is always demanding and never more so in the context of the current funding and inflationary pressures.

RAAC

Our experts also provide specialist advice on the key challenges surrounding RAAC including on the related health and safety issues and helping clients to identify, prioritise and manage risks associated with RAAC panels and their deterioration.

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